National Livestock Policy

†1049. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to formulate a National Livestock Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the main features of the said Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) National Livestock Policy is being formulated to attain qualitative and quantitative improvement in livestock, livestock products, feed and fodder resources, and also to have a better interface between modern technologies regarding breeding, nutrition and health care through various management interventions and Animal Husbandry Extension programme, to guide the future policies and programmes.

Procurement under MIS

1050. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation of funds to various States for procurement of various agricultural products under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for 1999-2000,2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(b) whether Government have to settle huge amounts of money incurred by State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and other Southern States during procurement operations; and

(c) if so, the details of amounts pending with Government to be released to these States for that period and when the amounts are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Under the Market Intervention Scheme

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(MIS) funds are not allocated to the States/UTs. A statement showing the release of Central share of loss to the State Govemments/UT under Market Intervention Scheme for 1999-2000,2000-2001 and 2001-2002 is given in statement-l (See below)

(b) and (c) After implementation of MIS and receipt of audited accounts from the State Governments/UTs, the claims are examined/vetted by the Department of Expenditure. After that only, Central share of losses if any, are released to the respective State Governments/UTs by Central Government. The statement in this regard is given in statement-*II*.

Statement I

Amount of loss released by Central Government to various States for implementing Market Intervention Scheme during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002

SI No.	Year	State	Commodity	Amount of loss released (in Rs. lakh)
1.	1999-2000	Andhra Pradesh	Oil Palm	162.50
2.	1999-2000	Karnataka	Oil Palm	2.50
3.	1999-2000	Maharashtra	Onion	487.50
4.	1999-2000	HimachaJ Pradesh	Kinnoo/Malta/ Galgal	3.20
5.	2000-2001	Himachal Pradesh-	Kinnaur Apple	22.42
6.	2000-2001	Himachal Pradesh	Culled Apple	308.00
7.	2000-2001	Andhra Pradesh	Red Chillies	5.02
8.	2000-2001	Andhra Pradesh	Oil Palm	94.56
9.	2001-2002	Karnataka	Oil Palm	6.22
10.	2001-2002	Goa	Arecanut	16/93

Statement-ll

Status of accounts for Market Intervention Scheme implemented in Southern States

SI. No.	Year	State	Commodity	Status of accounts
1.	1996-1997	Andhra Pradesh	Red chillies	Accounts not submitted by State Government
2.	2002-2003	Karnataka	Arecanut	-Do-
3.	2003-2004	Andhra Pradesh	Red chillies	-Do-

MRP of drugs

1051. SHRI K.B.KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that in Karnataka, customers are being exploited in the name of local taxes and that the maximum retail price (MRP) of drugs was exclusive of taxes; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider restructuring of MRP to include all taxes on medicines in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Durgs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO 95), prices of both Scheduled and non-Scheduled formulations are printed as "retail price not to exceed ....local taxes extra". Representations have been received from time to time that the provisions of the DPCO 95 should be amended for printing the retail prices of all medicines inclusive of all taxes. Various options are being considered for solving the problem, however, due to difference in types and rates of local taxes of states/local authorities, no proper solution has been found so far.

Imported Formulations

1052. SHRI UDAYPRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a price control on imported formulations;